GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Operation of Flights
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily flights between Varanasi and Surat;

(b) the names of the places in NorthEastern States where airports are proposed to be constructed;

(c) the total number of flights and name of places where flights are being operated in North-Eastern States; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce new flights on these routes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): As per Summer Schedule 2016, there is no direct flight operating between Varanasi and Surat.

(b): A Greenfield airport at Pakyong (Sikkim) is being constructed and there is proposal to construct Greenfield airport at Itanagar.

(c): Operations to/from North Eastern States as per Summer Schedule 2016 indicating the frequency per week and the connected airport is placed at Annexure-1.

(d): With repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was totally deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. In this regard, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.